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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 12, 2016, AS "SCIENCE DAY" IN HAWAII IN
RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE SCIENCE HAS PLAYED IN THE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF REASON AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN
KNOWLEDGE.

1 WHEREAS, science is a powerful means of understanding the
2 world we live in and science is capable of yielding enormous
3 returns that directly enhance socioeconomic development and
4 overall quality of life; and

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6 WHEREAS, scientific discoveries and advances have led to
7 revolutionary changes in health, nutrition, and communication
8 and have helped humanity increase life expectancy, treat and
9 prevent disease, and improve living conditions; and

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11 WHEREAS, a celebration of the social sciences has helped
12 promote a common bond throughout the world, leading to a greater
13 acceptance of cultural diversity and the promotion of human
14 rights, including social, political, economic, cultural, and
15 civil rights, the rights of women and gender equality, the right
16 to development, and the right to a safe environment; and

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18 WHEREAS, in 1999, the United Nations Educational,
19 Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International
20 Council for Science, in cooperation with other partners,
21 convened in Budapest, Hungary, for a World Conference on
22 Science; and

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24 WHEREAS, the World Conference on Science provided a rare
25 opportunity for extensive discussion regarding science in the
26 twenty-first century and concluded with the adoption of two
27 documents, the "Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific
28 Knowledge", which underscores the political commitment to the
29 scientific endeavor and the solution of problems at the
30 interface between science and society, and the "Science Agenda -
31 Framework for Action", an innovative and pragmatic framework for



1 fostering partnerships in science and the use of science for
2 development and the environment; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii is often referred to as the "endangered
5 species capital of the world" and science has helped bring many
6 of the State's endangered and threatened species back from the
7 edge of extinction; and
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9 WHEREAS, recognizing a Science Day in Hawaii would promote
10 education and the dissemination of information related to the
11 ethics of science and technology to scientific circles,
12 institutions of higher education, policymakers, the media, the
13 public, and other interested target groups, including young
14 scientists; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that February 12, 2016, be
19 designated as "Science Day" in Hawaii in recognition of the
20 important role science has played in the achievements of reason
21 and the advancement of human knowledge; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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OFFERED BY:

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By Request

